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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL ON SPECIAL GA SESSION

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TOLD PRESS APRIL 8 HE EXPECTED HAVE TALKS WITH ARAB MINISTERS DURING SPECIAL GA. FONMIN SAID GON WOULD PRESS FOR FORMULAS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO GLOBAL SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE SAID "CONFRONTATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED" AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CERTAIN "RICH COUNTRIES" HAVE DECREASED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HELD PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 8,

PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR NY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE TALKS WITH SEVERAL ARAB MINISTERS DURING SPECIAL GA AND THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THESE TALKS WERE GOING FORWARD. THE MINISTER DID NOT STIPULATE WHICH ARAB MINISTERS HE WOULD SEE.

3. VAN DER STOEL SAID GON WOULD CALL FOR SEARCH FOR FORMULAS WHICH COULD LEAD TO GLOBAL SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS EFFORTS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE AUTARCHY. FONMIN SAID GON WOULD REJECT EFFORTS TO REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF RAW MATERIALS. HE ANNOUNCED GON FAVORS GREATEST POSSIBLE CONVERGENCE BETWEEN CONSULTATIONS RESULTING FROM WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND THE SPECIAL UN SESSION.

4. MINISTER SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE CORRECT IN STATING PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS TOO LOW, BUT LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN INDIAN SUBCONTINENT, SUFFERING MOST FROM OIL AND RAW MATERIAL PRICE INCREASES. GON WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR THESE COUNTRIES. VAN DER STOEL SAID EEC COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SCHEEL WOULD ANNOUNCED BASIC WILLINGNESS OF NINE TO COOPERATE IN SPECIAL FUND FOR COUNTRIES SUFFERING MOST FROM PRICE INCREASES. IN ADDITION TO THIS JOINT POSITION, EACH EC COUNTRY WOULD PROVIDE ITS OWN SPECIAL COMMENTS ON WAY IN WHICH PARTICIPATION IN A SPECIAL FUND COULD BE ARRANGED. FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THERE WAS AS YET NO JOINT EC POINT OF VIEW ON THIS QUESTION AND FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG NINE WOULD BE NECESSARY AFTER THE NEW YORK MEETING.

5. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GON WOULD STRESS THAT OBJECTIVES OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE MUST BE ACHIEVED. MINISTER SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN GENERAL WERE BEHIND IMPLEMENTING GOALS OF PROGRAM AND GON WAS ESPECIALLY WORRIED THAT SOME "RICH COUNTRIES" WERE TENDING TO DECREASE RATHER THAN INCREASE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON OUTCOME OF UN CONFERENCE. FONMIN WILL LEAD DUTCH DELEGATION FIRST WEEK. AFTER EASTER, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MINISTER PRONK WILL BE DELEGATION HEAD. GOULD

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